

FREEING TOMORROW

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OCTOBER UPDATE

THE ONE WHERE THEY TALK ABOUT PRAYER

I could live without soda; in fact, I eschew it
And no sweat without Nike; my slogan's 'Don't do it!'
I could cancel some cable; their content gets scary
I'd be great without gluten; do well without dairy
I could go without Google as we did in the past
And Facebook is first among things I could fast
I could dine without donuts or deadly desserts
I'd be pumped without planking or push-ups; they hurt!
Wouldn't miss Mister Clean or my Irish Spring soap
Or a whole host of home goods but I *must have* my Hope
Hope's not four-leaf clovers or crossing our fingers
Or rubbing the rabbit's foot, thinking luck lingers
Which, in an aside, is a ridiculous habit
If that foot was so lucky, how'd it work for that rabbit?
So as noun or as verb, both in Hope have a share
But the language of Hope is undoubtedly **Prayer**.



In truth, teaching on prayer is way above the pay grade of most of us. We may know a smattering of the language of hope but to actually teach on prayer is something that sent the disciples to the side of the Savior. Luke 11:1-4 relates that Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus then spoke the words we love and endeavor to live, often referred to as the Lord's Prayer. Through this provision we have a "best practice" for prayer.

Applying this to Trinity and to our campaign to Free Tomorrow we can declare "Lord, cause Your kingdom work to be done at Trinity just as it has been ordained in heaven. We receive with thanks the abundant blessings You have for us and ask that You make us worthy stewards, using those gifts for the good of our church and for Your glory." That's the other pivotal point our Lord made about prayer: He said in John 14 that whatever we ask in His name that will He do, SO THAT the Father may be glorified in the Son. SO THAT should always be in all caps because when Jesus speaks those words, it is certain that the very purpose of God follows. Jesus' answers to the prayers we make in His name are for the express and exclusive purpose of God's glory.

In a favorite Christian fiction series written by Jan Karon, "Thy will be done" is referred to as the prayer that never fails. What peace and hope in that! Let's add "Father, glorify Yourself in Your Son through Your provision, Your guidance and Your blessing upon Trinity so that we may free tomorrow into the fullness of Your will."



The following is another instance of God's manifested grace and provision to Trinity in answer to prayer.

Sweet Corn>Sweet Friendship>Sweet Deal for a Hallelujah Problem

In 1999, Trinity formed a Vision Task Force to prayerfully and strategically address a "hallelujah problem." Our building on County Roads 5 and 46 was increasingly inadequate though we were doing three services every Sunday morning. About the same time, a task force was formed on 210th Street to eat sweet corn. A local farmer, Cal Chadwick of Cal's Greenhouse, would do an annual enlistment of his life-long friend, Dale Tornell, to sample the newest varieties of his sweet corn crop. These two grade school pals settled on "Ambrosia" as best of crop for the year although Dale gave a variety called "Trinity" a strong second. Since Trinity Church was never far from our Dale's heart, he updated Cal on the astounding growth experienced there and remarked that we were going to need land to build a larger facility soon. Cal responded that available land was hard to find. Dale agreed and teasingly added "If you ever want to sell this corn field let me know." Cal laughed and the corn consumption continued. A few days later Cal again called Dale but not for help in the field. This time he asked Dale to bring his pastor and meet for coffee. Pastor Don Reigstad, Jerry Rypkema and Dale Tornell went for coffee and came away with God's answer to our hallelujah problem: a so-sweet land deal through a fine Christian friend. Seven years later we moved into our hallelujah home.



AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR

It's time to gather the family for the Freeing Tomorrow big event. We are having our Freeing Tomorrow Sunday Family Dinner on November 10, immediately after the morning service at Trinity. The event will be catered and gifted to us by ReStored Thrift Store but you will need reservations, which are available through this QR code, in the link provided in the weekly email, or [CLICK HERE](#). Come and celebrate all God is doing at Trinity aka our Hallelujah Home!



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